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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LAIR (Sponsor), WALKER, ENGLISH, PIKE, LAFAVER, KIRKTON, KELLY (45), GRISAMORE, ELLINGER AND PACE (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to early parole of geriatric inmates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.694, to read as follows:

- 217.694. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any offender incarcerated in a correctional facility serving a sentence of life without parole for a minimum of fifty years or more and who is sixty years of age or older and has no prior felony convictions of a violent nature shall receive a parole hearing upon serving fifteen years or more of his or her sentence.
- 2. During the parole hearing required under subsection 1 of this section, the board of probation and parole shall determine whether there is a reasonable probability that the offender will live and remain at liberty without violation of law upon release, and therefore is eligible for release based upon a finding that the offender meets the following criteria:
- 10 (1) A record of good conduct while incarcerated;
- 11 (2) Has demonstrated self-rehabilitation efforts while incarcerated;
- 12 (3) Has a workable parole plan;
- 13 (4) Availability of community and family support;
- 14 (5) Is subject to a minimum of five years of supervision by the board of probation 15 and parole upon release;
- 16 (6) Has an institutional risk factor score of one; and

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- 17 (7) Is not a convicted sex offender.
- 3. If the board does not grant parole to an offender who qualifies for a parole
- 19 hearing under this section, the offender shall be eligible for a reconsideration parole
- 20 hearing every three years until a presumptive release date is established.

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